THE GREAT MYSTERY OF GODLINESSE:

JESUS CHRIST our Lord-GOD and MAN, and MAN with GOD; One in-JESUS CHRIST our Lord.

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1 COR. 2. 6, 7, 14.

We speake wisdome among them that are perfect; yet not the wisdome of this world, nor of the Princes of this world that come to nought; But we speak the wisdome of God in a Mystery.

But the naturall man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishnesse unto him: neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned.

Gal. 3. 28. *Ye are All, One, in Iesus Christ.*

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THE MYSTICALL Union of CHRIST and his CHURCH;

Grace, Mercy and Peace with all spirituall and speciall blessings of heaven be multiplied upon you and in you, by the blessed Spirit from God the Father through CHRIST IESUS our Lord. Amen.

Q. WHat must you doe to be holy here, and happy hereafter?

A. Two things; First, know Christ, *Ioh.* 17.3. Secondly, Bee knit unto him, *Ioh.* 17.21,22,23,24.

Q. By what meanes ma
we come to this?

A. First, Outwardly.

1. In the Word I am taugh
to know him, *Ioh.*17.8.
2. In the Sacraments, I am tie
& knit to him, 1 *Cor.*10.1

Secondly, Inwardly.

1. By faith on my part, *Eph*
3.17. *Gal.*3.27,28,29.
1. Grounded on the Wo
wherein I receive hi
2. Growing in the Sac
ment wherein I am
ceived into him.
2. By the Spirit on Gods p
1 *Cor.*6.17. and 12.13.
1. Assuring Christ unto
in the Word, *Eph.*1.
2. Sealing Christ unto m
in the Sacrament. *Rō.*4

This is my body, so
Word sayes without, when
bread is given in the Sacram

o the Spirit speaks within,
ing, yea,

1. The body of Christ as verily present to the faithfull, as the bread is to the receiver, 1 *Corin.* 11.24,26.
2. The faithfull partaker of Christs body as verily as of the bread which he eates, 1 *Cor.* 10.16. } ing
3. The faithfull one with Christs body as verily as the bread received & eaten is one with his body that feeds upon it, 1 *Cor.* 12. 12.

PART. I.

2. WHat is it to kn
Christ?

A. To find
1. The want
Christ, P
3. 7.
2. The worth
Christ, P
3. 8.
3. A willingn
in mee to
ceive Chr
Phil. 3. 9,
12, 14.

First, when I feele the wa
of Christ in respect of the gu
and filth of sin in me. Second
find the worth of Christ to p
don and purge my sin. Third
feele and find a willingnesse

o receive Christ, that is, to
pt of him on his owne con-
ons.

. Not onely to be my Priest
Jesus to save me by his
d, *Heb.*2.17.

. Nor onely to be my Pro-
and Christ, to teach me by
Word, *Act.*3.22.

. But also to be my Prince
Lord to rule me by his Spi-
leaving my old lust, and li-
g by his lawes denying my
and delighting to do what-
he commands, *Acts* 5.31.
hen I know Christ, and this
o beleeve in him. Read 1
.1.6,7. and *chapt.*2.1,2,3.4.
*Mat.*28.20. *Mar.*9. from *v.*
to the end. *Luke* 6.46. *Ioh.*
14.

§. 1.

Q. HOw doe you know the want of Christ

A. 1. I am farre and fo ever in my selfe separated fro God by my sinne naturall an actuall, *Isa.* 59. 2. *Psal.* 58. *Ephe.* 2. 13, 14.

2 I am fouly stained & stinkin with all sinne in my whole n ture, soule and body, *Psal.* 14. and 51. 5. *Rom.* 3. from ver 10. to 20.

3 There is no power in m to thinke a good thought, or t keepe any one of Gods co mandements once in all my li 2 *Cor.* 3. 5. *Rom.* 3. 9, 10. *Ia* 3. 2.

4 There is no plague but upo

n me, and for the sinfulnesse
ny nature and sinnes of my
every curse of God is on
soule and body in this life,
that which is to come,
t. 27. 26. and 28. 16. *Matt.*
41.

There is no good dwelling
ny flesh, nay not onely an
tinesse of all good, but an
ity against it, *Gen.* 6. 5. *Rō.*
and 8. 7.

I have no power to please
in any good I doe, *Rom.*
Prov. 15. 8. *Heb.* 11. 6.

I have no hope to goe to
en when I dye, 1 *Cor.* 15.
Revel. 21. 27.

how miserable and wret-
is that man or woman that
and dies (as many do, *Mat.*
3.) in this corrupt and cur-
condition without Christ!

§. 2.

§. 2.

Q. WHat worth do you find in Christ

A. 1 The excellency of his person, being the onely begotten, beloved Sonne of God, the heire of all things, the head of his Church, Angels, Principalities and Powers, being subject unto him, *Ephe.* 1.21,22. *Col.* 1.15, 16, 17,18,19. *Heb.* 1.2,3,4. 1 *Pet.* 3.22.

2 The exceeding riches of his grace freely offered, and fully given unto me in the Gospel, *Eph.* 2.7. and 3.8. *Isa.* 61.1, &c.

3 The blessings that he brings *Acts* 3.26. *Eph.* 1.3.

4 The graces that hee gives *Ioh.* 1.14,16.

O how happy is that man or
oman that is made one with
e Sonne of God! (how few are
y Christ knowes, *Mat.*7.14.)
t thrice happy is he or she that
ve him for their head and huſ-
nd, who hath all power in his
nds, all heavenly bleſſings to
ow upon them, all ſpirituall
aces to give unto them, and an
ſearchable riches of grace to
dow them to eternall glory.

Q. What is the grace of
hriſt?

A. It is an honourable, holy
d happy condition that Chriſt
h called me unto by the Gof-
l; who being the ſecond *A-*
m, received my nature unto
mſelfe, reſtored it with him-
fe into favour with God a-
in from whom I fell; and rai-
d my falne nature into a higher
vour and grace with God the
Father

Father then it was in the first *Adam* before his fall, *Eph.*2.5,6.

1 He hath taken my nature separated from God, and hath now united it to the Godhead for ever, *Ioh.*1.14. *Heb.*2.14,14.

2 He hath sanctified my nature sinfull in me, but perfectly holy in him, *Luk.* 1.35. *Ioh.*17. 19. *Heb.*7.26.

3 He hath in my nature fulfilled the whole Law for me, which I could never doe, *Rom.* 10.5. and 8.4.

4 He hath for my sinne in my stead suffered the whole wrath of the Lord, the curse of the Law which I could never suffer, *Isa.* 53.4,5. 2 *Cor.*5.21. *Gal.*3.13. 1 *Pet.*2.24.

5 He filled my nature in himselfe with all grace, God gave him not the Spirit by measure, but being made flesh we beheld

his

glory, the glory as of the one-
egotten of the Father, full of
ce and truth, *Ioh.* 1. 14. and 3.
35.

6 He fulfilled all righteouſ-
ſe that was to be done or ſuf-
ed in life or death by me in
nature, in whom God was
ll pleaſed, *Mat.* 3. 15. 17. *Mat.*
18.

7 He raignes in my nature
rified above all in heaven,
b. 1. 20.

§. 3.

Q. Why are you ſo willing
receive Chriſt.

A. That I may be knit unto
m, *Gal.* 3. 26, 28.

Part. II.

Q. WHat is it to be kni
unto Christ?

A. To become one with him
by his Spirit, and my faith loo
king up and laying hold on m
nature in him, that as he took
my flesh and made it his, so
take his flesh and make it mine
that thus I might be one wit
him and he with me. I dwe
in him and he in me; he dwe
leth in me by faith, and I dwe
in him in my flesh; that as m
nature is become his, so all h
might be mine, *Ioh.* 17. 21. a
6. 56. *Ephe.* 3. 17. *Cant.* 6. 7.

Q. How are you one wi
Christ Jesus?

A. 1 Not one in conce
a

d imagination.

2 Nor one in consent and af-
tion.

3 Nor one in substance and
ns-fusion, as if the Godhead or
nhood of Christ were mixt
th any substance.

4 But one in spirit, or rather
spirit that's more, the selfe-
ne spirit dwelling in him,
els in me: so uniting me un-
him, that through his man-
od from his Godhead, it con-
yes, and I receave all spirituall
e in soule and body for ever,
Cor. 6.17. *Rom.* 8.11. 1 *Ioh.* 3.
. *Ioh.* 6.63.

Q. What union then is this
t is betweene Christ and
u?

A. The nearest that may be
gined: for there is a union,
t, of linage or flesh; thus many
smen are one.

2 Of

2 Of love or friendship thus many men are one, *Act.* 4. 32. the soule of *Jonathan* was knit to *David*, and this union of Spirit is neerer then the first of bodies.

3 Matrimoniall; thus man and wife are one, and this union is nearer then both the former seeing married persons are not onely one in flesh, but in higher love and friendship; besides man must forsake father, neere flesh and friends to follow and cleave to his wife.

4 Mysticall, thus Christ and his Church are one by a neerer union then all the three; for Christ is not onely, first, partaker of flesh and blood with us. *Heb.* 2. 14. Secondly, We are his friends *Ioh.* 15. 14. Thirdly, he is our husband also, *Isa.* 54. 5. Fourthly But also he is our head, and we are members of his body, of his flesh,

h, and of his bone; and this
on is called Mysticall, because
more then any, unconceivea-
in thought, and unutterable by
gue; kinsmen, friends, and
rried ones must die, and then
r union ends. But Christ hath
aken my flesh as never to be
ded from it; such a friend
ot life nor death can divide
from him, whose love passeth
knowledge and time, lo-
g me unto the end, and after
; and not onely beloved, but
m betrothed and married
him for ever, and not onely
rothed, but I am of his body,
his flesh, and of his bones, nay,
faith I eate his flesh and drink
blood, what neerer union can

Q. What is it to eat his flesh?
A. 1 To apprehend, apply,
d partake of his flesh as my
owne

owne, as the meat I eat is mine,

2 To beleeve that I am truely and really (though spiritually) united unto him, and one with him, of his bone, and of his flesh, as the meat I eat becomes one with my substance.

3 To expect in faith for all grace and growth in goodness, strength in his services, quickening and comfort, and eternall life from the flesh of Christ; as the meat I eat maintaines life, gives nourishment and enables me for all naturall actions, so doth Christ, for spirituall breath, strengthens mans heart, and wine cheares it, so, and more in me doth CHRISTS flesh and blood.

Quest. How shall I make this knowledge of Christ effectuall, and the knot fast for ever?

Answ.

Answ. 1 By a faithfull
mble meditating on the grace
Christ, *Iohn* 6. 43, 44, 45,
,56.

2 By an affectionate hearty
ankſgiving to God the Father
ho hath bleſſed mee with all
irituall bleſſings in Christ,
hes. 1.3.

3 By a fruitfull diligent
owing in all the graces of the
pirit, *Ioh.* 15.5.

4 By fervent daily prayer to
od the Father through Christ
ſus by the Spirit to enlighten
d lead me to the love of God
to eternall life, *Ephe.* 1.17. and
19.2 *Theſſ.* 3.5.

5.4

§ 4.

2. HOw doe you meditate on Christ?

A. I desire to know Christ not as one farre from me, but one with me, and I in him, and from him, or rather through his flesh in him, receiving all things from God the Father for my salvation. This is the meaning of that, *Ioh.* 6. 56. (spoken of before) to eate the flesh of Christ (i. e.) by faith to apply and truely partake of Christs flesh as mine owne, and being out of my self in it to have life, and through it to have all things that concern grace and glory.

This is that Saint *Paul* determined to know, onely Jesus Christ

rist, and him crucified, 1 *Cor.* *Gal.* 2. 20. for this excellent owledge Saint *Paul* counted things but dung, that he ght winne Christ; whats that? t I might be found in him having mine owne righte-nesse but his, not my selfe, but n, *Phil.* 3. 8, 9, 10.

Q. What doe you meditate in Christ?

A. 1 I find my nature, soule d body united to God in him, d therefore feele my selfe re-nciled, and at one with God Father; his Father, my Fa-er, his God my God, *Ioh.* 14. 20 1, 23. and 20. 17.

2 I see my nature sanctified rfectly in his person, from hich I seeke a power to sancti-e mine more and more in my erson, *Heb.* 2. 11. *Ioh.* 17. 10.

3 As he hath fulfilled the law r me, so

1 In him God accounts me righteous, *Rom.* 3.22. 2 Cor. 5.21.

2 In me God accepts of my upright purpose to please him in all things for perfect righteousnesse, *Psal.* 119. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

3 From him I receive a power to perform me the whole law in every point, though not perfectly in the highest pitch and purity that the Law requires, yet (seeking and striving to perfection) pleasingly as God accepts in Christ Jesus; who fulfilling the Law for mee in my flesh, which hee tooke, writes the Law in me by his Spirit, which he gives, making me to delight in the Law of God in the inward man, to be ready to doe his will, to have respect to all his Commande-

nts to refraine my feet from
ry evill way, to purge my
from all filthineſſe of fleſh
Spirit, perfecting holineſſe
is feare, *Ier.*31.33. and 32.
*Heb.*8.10. *Rom.*7.22. *Pſal.*
8. and 119.6.101. 2 *Cor.*7.
*Phil.*3.12,13,14,15.

He hath ſatisfied Gods ju-
e in ſuffering in my ſtead,
ng made a curſe for me, and
his owne ſelfe bearing my
es in his owne body upon
tree; ſo I looke for
eace in my ſelfe from a-
bove, being crucified with
Chriſt, *Gal.*2.20.
ower over ſinne within,
eing crucified with Chriſt
n my corrupt nature, *Rom.*
6.6.
riſt ſtood on the Croſſe as
my ſurety in my ſtead.
s a ſinner; for he was made

sinne for mee, 2 *Corinth.* 5.
2 As accursed, for he was mad
a curse for me, *Gal.* 3.13.
So being one with him.

1 As he in my nature is fu
of grace, so out of his fulnesse
looke to receive grace for grac
Ioh. 1.16. *Col.* 1.9. and 2.3,9,10.

2 My best duties are in m
damnable, but in Christ Jesu
God and Man, my Mediator a
Master, my person is accepte
and all my actions pleasing, *Eph*
1.6.

3 I see my selfe sh
out of Paradise, I have no ho
of heaven in my selfe, a dead do
a damned creature, an heire
hell; but God which is rich
mercy, for his great love wh
with he hath loved me whe
was dead in sinne, hath quickn
me together with Christ, a
raised me up with him, and ma

sit together in heavenly pla-
with Christ Jesus. So then in
ist I rose, and in Christ now I
gne in heaven being now on
th, (*i.e.*) I see by faith my
ne nature in Christ sitting at
right hand of God, who is
good and great high Priest,

1 Presenting my person to the Father and making me pleasing unto him, *Heb.* 4. 14.

2 Perfuming my prayers, and praying for me to his Father, *Hebr.* 7: 25. *Revel.* 8. 3, 4.

3 Preparing a place for me, and me for that place by his Spirit, *Ioh.* 14. 2, 16. *Col.* 1. 12.

§. 5.

Q. WHat are the blessings that Christ Jesus brings?

A. First, Eternall election to life in his Fathers love, *Eph.* 1.

2 Adoption to become the Sonne of God with himselfe *Ephes.* 1.5.

3 Acceptation of my person, and all my actions in him *Ephes.* 1.6.

4 Redemption of my soul and body by his blood; and justification, wherby I am fully cleared from Gods judgement, free from Gods wrath, my sins forgiven, and I freely accounted a just, *Ephes.* 1.7.

5 Vocation, whereby I am

called of Christ Jesus, *Rom.*
in the Gospell, wherein hee
abounded to me in all wise-
me & prudence, having made
owne unto me the mystery of
will, *Ephe.* 1. 8, 9.

Eternall salvation, and an
mortall inheritance in hea-
with all Angels & Saints that
were or shall be, *Ephe.* 1.
11.

And all this to the praise of
he glory of his grace, *Ephe.* 1.
12.

§. 6.

Q. WHat are the graces th Christ Jesus gives?

A. 1 Knowledge, *Col.* 2. 3. understand.

1 The Word of God and m ning of the Scriptures, *L* 24.45.

2 The will of God, *Jo* 15. 15. and the mind Christ, 1 *Cor.* 2. 16.

3 The mysteries of the kin dome of heaven, *Matt* 13.11.

4 The misery, wretchedn: blindnesse, poverty, nake nesse of my naughty natur *Revel.* 3, 17, 18. *Rom.* 7. 18.

5 The graces of the Spirit me, and the good thing which

which are freely given unto mee of God through Christ Jesus, 1 *Cor.* 2. 12.

2 Faith, with the beginning and increase thereof, *Marke* 9. *Luke* 17. 5. *Eph.* 2. 8.

3 Repentance with a mourning melting spirit, *Acts* 5. 31. for every sinne in my selfe and others by Christs looke on me, *Luke* 22. 61, 62. and mine on Christ, *Zech.* 12. 10.

4 Love to God and men, both good and bad, *Deut.* 30. 6. *Rom.* 5. 1 *Thes.* 4. 9. *Math.* 5. 44.

5 The feare of the Lord God, *Jer.* 32. 40. This covenant is made by Christ, *Heb.* 8. 8. therefore hee gives it, working it in me by his Spirit, and warning me of it by his Word, *Luke* 12. 5.

6 Hope of my inheritance in Heaven, *Roman.* 15. 13. 2 *Thess.* 2. 16.

7 In

7 In a word all other grac
springing from the Father, t
fountaine of grace, conveyed
Christ, through his flesh by h
Spirit into my heart, shed abro
and streaming on to everlastin
life, *Iob.*4.14. and 7.37,38. *G*
5.22,23,24.

§. 7.

2. WHat must you do
on your part t
continue your communion wit
God the Father in Christ Jesu
by the Spirit?

A. 1. Generally.

1 Fly for my life every sinne
open or secret, and every ap-
pearance of evill that may se-
parate betweene God and me,
or make me faile of his grace
in

Christ, or grieve his holy Spi-
Isa. 59. 2. Heb. 12. 15. Eph. 4.

Follow after holineſſe, and in
holy occaſions, company and
rſes, commanded by God and
mmended by good men, con-
ue and increaſe in all good-
ſe & all good duties, cleanſing
ſelfe continually from all
hineſſe of fleſh and ſpirit, per-
ting holineſſe in his feare, 2
7. 1.

2 Particularly.

1 I give all diligence alwayes
make my calling and election
re, 2 Pet. 1. 10.

2 Walke humbly with my
od hourely, with a reverend
wfull reſpect of his preſence,
aring to offend his Majeſtie in
y thing, Mich. 6. 8. Pſal. 139.
3.

3 Renew my repentance

daily for my hourely offences or frailty, confessing them in particular, and craving pardon, and purging, 1 *Iohn* 1.9.

4 I Humble my selfe weekly in fasting for some speciall sins and daily slips in his service, or my calling; put aside some houres, if I cannot a whole day, *Mat.* 5.20. and 6.17.

5 Remember to covenant monthly with my Lord in the Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ Jesus, or as oft as it is administred, 1 *Cor.* 11.26.

6 Once in the yeare cast up all my accounts, see how my Communion is increased, and my corruptions lessened, and how farre I am gone and grown in grace, and in the knowledge of Christ, *Levit.* 16. 34. Once a yeare Merchants cast up their whole accounts, and Husbandmen

n know their increase of Corn
Cattel; So they who are wise
rchants and working Chri-
ans, may observe in themselves
hange or increase in a yeeres
ce, what cannot be so sensibly
ceived in a short time.

7 The Christian Sabbaths and
nts must be my delight, holy
honourable, when, and with
hom I have more opportuni-
and time to have communi-
with thy God, *Isa.* 58. 13.
*al.*16.3.

8 The Word of God must a-
le and dwell in mee richly,
herein I may acquaint my selfe
ith my Masters will, my Fa-
ers love, and communicate
th to my fellow servants and
thren, *Col.*3.16.

Take heed of omitting any oc-
sō of doing good, or receiving
ood in conference or company
with

with men, or any good duty in publike, or private before God, *Mal.3.16.*

10 Beware of careleſſe and cuſtomary performance of any holy duty, but doe it in love of Communion with my God, that by every prayer I make, every word I heare, &c. I may come neerer to him in Chriſt Jeſus, *Jer.48.10. Pſal.73.28.*

11 Weane my ſelfe from the world, uſe the world as not uſing it, entangle not my ſelfe in other mens matters nor mine owne, draw heavenly thoughts from earthly things, deny my ſelfe not onely in indifferent, but in lawfull, yea neceſſary things, 1 *Corinthians chapter 7. verſe 31. and 6.12.*

12 Watch my heart with all diligence, the riſing of my luſt, the checkes of my conſcience,

the

motions of the Spirit, &c. *Rom.* 4. 23.

13 Worke out my salvation with feare and trembling, striving hard, running faster, and pressing in, to the prize of the high calling of God in CHRIST JESUS, *Philipians, Chapter.* 2. *verse* 12. *and Chapter* 3. *verse* 14.

14 Observe still my present state, the temper of my soule, my spirituall decayes, deadnesse, dulnesse, hardnesse of heart, security, strangenesse from God, suffer not these to stay long upon me, but stirre up my selfe by repentance and prayer, and strengthen the things which remaine and are ready to die, *Revelations: chapter* 3. *vers.* 2. 17. *and* 2. 4, 5.

15 God

15 Goe forward in good duties, fruitfull in good workes, fervent in spirit, zealous in Gods cause, sensible of the least sinne, and aboue all things beware of barrennesse and backsliding, and an evill heart of vnbeleefe in departing from the liuing God, 1 *Cor.*15.58. *Col.*1.10. *Rom.* 12. 11.1 *Thess.*5.22. *Heb.*10.

16 Stirre up my faith continually, seeke to the Lord, strengthen it, study the promises, apply them perfectly, and in them Christ to thy selfe, sticke very fast unto the Lord, cleave unto him, cling about him, depart not from him, depend upon him, delight in him, and be thankfull to him, beleeve and live in the light of his countenance, and of his Commandements, *Isa.* 64. 7. 2 *Tim.*1.6.1 *Pet.*1.13. *Act.*11.23.

17 In my neerest approches, and

d dearest imbraces by him, I
not too bold, but in my
ongest feelings, sweetest re-
shments, spirituall consolati-
s in Christ, comforts of the
irit, joy in Gods face and fa-
our, I feare and tremble before
m, *Psal.*2.11.1 *Pet.*1.17.

18 Feare the Lord my God
l my dayes, a feare not of di-
ust but of diligence to worke,
d jealousie to watch my selfe,
feare not servile onely of his
stice, but somelike of his good-
esse, a feare not to drive mee
om God, but to draw mee to
im; we cannot beleeve or love
e Lord too much, but yet God
oth not cocker his children,
erefore when thou most belee-
st that thou liest in the armes
his love, feare the more, least
en thou fall asleepe, secure and
weetly sinne: Sathan seekes but
this,

this to finde thee thus, hee cares not then but rockes, sits by, and sings, and keeps thee fast asleepe, with the sweet sound of faith and assurance, *Prov.* 28.14.

Oh the slights of Satan, the methods, mysteries, and depthes of the Devill, in our neerest communion with God to cast us fartheſt from him!

19 Continue constant in prayer, watching thereunto with all perseverance, present my selfe oft before the Lord upon my knees, in my Closet, or some corner, if it be but a word or two, 'twill increase my acquaintance and my communion with him; have my heart ever upward, heavenly and humble, sending up sometimes strong groanes, sudden sighes, short ejaculations, Petitions or prayses in the midst

of

f worldly affaires, callings and
mpany, &c. when they thinke
ot of it, steale a secret thought
o the throne of grace, and my
ather which seeth in secret, &c.
uke 18.1. *Eph.*6.18. *Col.*4.2.
*Pet.*4.7. *Neh.*2.4.

§.8.

§ 8.

Q. WHat should you e
specially pray for?

A. 1 That the God of ou
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father o
glory may give unto me the spi
rit of wisedome and revelation
in the knowledge of him; The
eye of my understanding being
enlightened, that I may know
what is the hope of his calling,
and what the riches of the glory
of his inheritance in the Saints:
And what is the exceeding great
nesse of his power to us-ward,
who beleeves according to the
working of his mighty power.

1 Par-

1 Pardoning all my sinnes against him, *Num.*14.17.
2 Subduing the power of every sinne in me, *Mich.* 7.19.
3 Sanctifying me more and more in spirit, soule, and body blamelesse, 1 *Thess.* 5.23.
4 Strengthening me in all his services, *Isa.*40.29.
5 Supporting me in all my sufferings, faintings, feares, *Isa.*41.13.
6 Supplying all my wants exceeding abundantly above all that I can aske or thinke, *Eph.*3.20.
7 Saving me to the uttermost from all evill, *Heb.* 7.25.
8 Preserving me to salvation, that I fall not from good, 1. *Pet.*1.5.

9 Pre-

9 Presenting me faultlesse before his glorious presence with joy, *Jude* 24.

10 Raising me at the last day, & changing my vile body that it may be like unto his glorious body, according to his mighty working, &c. *Phil.* 3. 21

Which hee wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his owne right hand in the heavenly places, farre above all principality, and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not onely in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the Church; which is his body, the fulnesse of him that filleth all in all, *Ephes.* 1. 17, 18, &c.

2 That

That God would grant
according to the riches of
glory, to be strengthened
th might by his Spirit in the
er man, that Christ may
ell in my heart by faith, that
ng rooted and grounded in
e, I may be able to compre-
nd with all Saints what is the
adth, and length, and depth,
height: And to know the
e of Christ which passeth
owledge, that I may be filled
ith all the fulnesse of God,
*Eph.*3.16,17,18.

1 The

1 The fulneſſe of the knowledge of his will, *Col.*1.9.
2 The ful aſſurance of his favour, *Col.*2.2.
3 The fulneſſe of all grace in Chriſt Jeſus.
4 The fulneſſe of all joy in the holy Ghoſt, unſpeakeable and glorious, not onely in the feelings of faith, but of afflictions, 1 *Pet.* 1.6. 8. *Rom.*5.3.
5 The fulneſſe of glory in his heavenly kingdome at his right hand, when he ſits to intercede for me and his whole myſticall body, to raigne in us his members, and over his and our enemies, till the laſt day, when he ſhall deliver up the kingdome to God the Father, 1 *Cor.*15.28. Then God ſhall be all in all, when we ſhall be filled with the fulneſſe of God and

and see him face to face. Now we see God the Father mediately in the face of Christ, then we shall see him immediately face to face with Christ: yet without a Mediatour; now we are filled with the fulnesse of Christ onely, then we shall be filled with the fulnesse of God alone.

1 We are the fulnesse of Christ who being his members, he accounts himselfe but maimed without us, *Eph.* 1.23. 1 *Cor.* 12.12.

2 We have the fulnesse of God, in Christ, who being our head, supplies by his Spirit all things unto us, that can be had in God the Father, or from him, what ever can make us:

1 Holy in him here, } *Eph.* 3.19
2 Happy with him hereafter. } 1 *Iob.* 1.3.

Now

Now unto him who is able to doe exceeding abundantly above all that we aske or thinke, according to the power that worketh in us: unto him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end Amen, *Eph.*3.20,21.

In him (that is Christ) wee actually are by our actuall incorporation into that society which hath him for their head, and doth make together with him one body (hee and they in that respect having one name, 1 *Cor.* 12.12.) for which cause by vertue of this mysticall conjunction, wee are of him and in him, even as though our flesh and bones should be made continuate with his. *Hooker pag.*123.

Ergo gratulemur & agamus gratias, non solum nos Christianos factos esse, sed etiam Christum. Intelligitis,

gitis, fratres, gratiam Dei su-
nos; capitis, admiramini, gaude-
Christus facti sumus; Si enim
caput est, & nos membra,
us ille homo & nos. August.
Iohan. tract. 21. Let us rejoyce
d give thankes, that we are not
ely made Christian men, but
o made Christs Brethren; yee
derstand the grace of God, that
pon us; ye understand it, ye
onder at it. Rejoyce ye, we
are made Christ. For if hee
the head and we the members,
th he and we are one whole
an.

C The

he Myſtery of IESUS CHRIST, *Emmanuel* GOD with us.

The Myſtery of Incarnation.

od with us: receiving us into himſelfe, uniting our nature with his into the perſon of his Sonne, *Matth.*1.23. *Ioh.*1.14. *Heb.*2.16.1 *Tim.*3.16.

God with us.

The Mystery of Reconciliation.

God with us: reconciling u
unto himselfe, accepting ou
persons, not imputing our sin
by the blood of his Sonn
2 *Cor.*5.18,19.

God in Christ.

The Mystery of Regeneration.

God with us: renewing our n
tures to be like himselfe, pe
takers of the divine natur
changing us into his owne
mage by the Spirit of his Se
*Col.*1.27,28. 2 *Cor.* 3.18.
*Pet.*1.4.

Christ in us.

The Mystery of mysticall Union.

d with us : uniting our persons to his Sonne by his Spirit and our faith, whereby we are members of Christs body, of his bone, and of his flesh, which wee feed on, finding life, grace, and spirituall strength, conveyed through it by the Spirit from God the Father, *Ephes.* 5.30,32. *Ioh.* 6.56,60.

Wee in Christ.

The Mystery of the Gospell.

God with us: who were without God, without Christ, without hope or mercy, no people, strangers from the Common-weale of Israel, and covenant of promise, enemies of God, children of his wrath, in the power of the Devill, sitting in darkneſſe and shadow of death, dead in sinnes, and the damnation of hell, at that time wee were thus, being Gentiles, till Christ came in the flesh: and at this time we are thus, being as Gentiles, till our effectuall Calling by Christs Spirit, *Ephes.* 2. 12. and 3. 3, 5.

We with Israel.

The

The Mystery of the first Resurrection.

od with us: in calling home his old people Israel (who are now as we were) into one Church with us to confesse, professe and praise Christ Jesus our Lord, together on earth, *Rom.* 11. 25. The Jewes restoring a resurrection, *Rom.* 11.15. (that is) the first resurrection, *Revel.* 20. 5, 6.

Israel with us.

The Mystery of the second resurrection.

God with us: In calling us all up by the sound of a Trumpe, at the second comming of Christ, changing our bodies and carrying us up both body and soule to meet the Lord Jesus in the aire, where and when the whole Church militant and triumphant, the family in heaven and earth, both Jew and Gentile, and all the Israel of God shall meet at once, and so we shall ever bee with the Lord, 1 *Cor.* 15.51. 1 *Thess.* 4.17.

All Israel, and we with God.

The

e first Mystery was God with us, } And God All in all.
e last Mystery shall be, we with God, } 1 Cor. 15. 28.

hough I understand all Mysteries, & have not love, } I am nothing. 1 Cor. 13.

A plaine tryall by the Word of God of whether he be

In { The state of Nature- / Damnation — } or

Flesh.

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to ——
Who walke not after the flesh—
They that are after the flesh doe minde the things of flesh. —
The carnall minde is emnity against God, for it is not subject unto the Law of God, neither in deed can be: so then they that are in the flesh cannot please God, *verses* 7, 8.
Now then Brethren we are debtors not to the flesh, to live after

Mans spirituall estate
Christ Iesus, or no.

In { The state of grace
—Salvation.

Spirit.

—them that are in CHRIST JESUS.
—but after the Spirit, *Rom.* 8. 1.
But they that are after the Spirit, mind the things of the spir. *v.* 5.
But to be spiritually minded, is life and peace, *verse* 6. but yee are not in the flesh, but the spirit, if so be that the spirit of God dwel in you; but if any have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his, *v.* 9.
But if through the spirit ye mortifie

Fleſh.

ter the fleſh, but yet if ye live after the fleſh, yee ſhall die, *verſe* 12.

Now the workes of the fleſh are manifeſt, which are adultery, fornication, uncleanneſſe, laſciviouſneſſe, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulation, wrath, ſtrife, ſeditions, hereſies, envyings, murthers, drunkenneſſe, revellings, and ſuch like; of which I tell you before, as I have told you in time paſt, that they which doe ſuch ſhal not inherit the kingdome of God, *Galat.* 5. 19, 20, 21.

Fleſh.

Spirit.

tifie the deedes of the flesh, yee
shall live, *ver.* 13.
t the fruit of the spirit is love,
joy, peace, long-suffering, gen-
tlenesse, goodnesse, faith, meek-
nesse, temperance, against such
there is no law; and they that
are Christs have crucified the
flesh, with the affections and
lusts thereof.
we live in the Spirit, let us
walke in the Spirit, *Galat.* 5.
22, 23, 24, 25.

Flesh.

Flesh.

2 If any man be ——— ——— in

Old things are passed away, ———

If we say we have fellowship with him, and walke in darknesse, we lie, 1 *Ioh.* 1.6,7.

He that saith I know him, and keepeth not his Commandements, is a lyar, 1 *Ioh.* 2.4.

He that committeth sinne, is of the Devill, 1 *Ioh.* 3.8.

Ye are of your Father the Devil, and the lusts of your father yee will doe, he also is a lyer, *Ioh.* 8.44.

Spirit.

Spirit.

Christ, he is a new creature —— All things are become new, 2 *Cor.*5.17.

He that saith he abideth in him, ought himselfe also to walke, as he walked, 1 *Ioh.*2.7.

But who so keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him, 1 *Ioh.*2.5.

Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not, 1 *Ioh.*3.6.

Whosoever is borne of God, doth not commit sinne, for his seed remaineth in him, so that he cannot sinne, because he is borne of God, 1 *Ioh.*3.9.

Flesh

Flesh.

Caine was of the wicked one, and slew his brother; and wherefore slew he him? because his owne workes were evill, and his brothers good, 1 *Ioh.* 3. 12.

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God, upon the sinners, he will raine snares, fire, and brimstone, storme and tempest; this shall be their portion for ever, *Psal.* 9. 17. and 11. 6.

The hypocrites hope shal perish, and the eyes of the wicked shall faile; their hope shall be as the giving up of the Ghost, *Ioh.* 8. 13. and 11. 20.

Spirit.

Spirit.

rvaile not my brethren if the world hate you. We know we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren, 1 *Iohn, chapter*, 3. *verse* 13.

lessed are they that do his commandements, that they may have right to the tree of life, (Christ Jesus our Lord) and enter in through the gates of the City, *Iohn, chapter* 20. *verse* 14.

ut the righteous hath hope in his death; and he that hath the hope purifyeth himselfe as he is pure, *Pro.* 14.32. 1 *Iohn, cha.* 3. *v.* 3.

2 Shall I take the members of
Christ, and make———
Shall I take the tongue of Christ
and make it———
He that yeelds any one of his
members to———
—a limbe of the Devill, of the
mystery of iniquity.——

—them the members of an Harlot? God forbid, 1 Cor. 6.15.

—The tongue of a swearer? &c. *Psal.* 12.4. *Mat.* 5.37.

—Sinne, is no member of Christ Jesus, but——

—and has no part in the Mysticall union of Christ and his Church, *Rom.* 6.13, 14.

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